

New Hampshire Population Projections
for State and Counties
2005 to 2025
Update: September 2004

1. Introduction

The New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning (formerly the Office of State Planning) has been, preparing projections or forecasts of future population for the state and its political subdivisions since, at least 1964. The projections have been used by a wide variety of government agencies and private interests to guide public policy, gauge market potential and quantify future target populations. The projections can be applied directly and unaltered to guide public or private endeavors. The projections can also serve as a *beginning*, or point of departure in developing further projection efforts, or refining existing ones. The OEP encourages the use of these projections to evaluate other projections. The U.S. Bureau of the Census has projected New Hampshire's population independently from the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP).

These projections, Update: September 2004, update a previous OEP effort that was published in December 2002. The 2002 projections were the first to use data from the 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing. The earlier effort combined Census data with birth and death data from the NH Bureau of Vital Records to develop survival and fertility rates and age specific migration rates. The births and deaths span the nineties and allow rates to be specific to New Hampshire. Those rates are used once again in this update.

Only the county crude migration rates were changed for, Update: September 2004. The affects of the new migration rates are:

- Slightly more growth for the state. Update: September 2004 projections are approximately 8,000 persons higher than the projections of 2002. This is true for all years in the projection period.
- Slightly more growth for Belknap, Merrimack and Strafford Counties. Slightly less growth for Hillsborough County.

The updated crude migration rates are based on the latest trends between 2000 and 2003.

The projections are processed by a complete cohort survival method. This technique breaks the population into 36 age/gender cohorts. Each cohort has its own survival rate and migration rate. Fertility rates are also applied on an age specific basis. The technique is processed by spreadsheet

software, programmed by RLS Information Services of Berne, NY.

In 2002, OSP received augmented funding and technical support from the NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Elderly and Adult Services for the preparations of the projections contain herein. The support provided by the DHHS is part of its mandate under (Senate Bill 132) RSA 152:2; which directs DHHS to coordinate a review of demographic trends in New Hampshire and the impact of such trends.

2. State Projections

New Hampshire has experienced strong population growth for 40 years. The consistency of the growth trend over such a long period of time is remarkable. The reasons for the sustained growth is a source of perennial debate. Most these debates are subjective in nature. This is probably due to the complexity, multiplicity and interrelatedness of the forces involved.

It is known that the nation's population centers began to decentralize before World War II. Decentralization continues to this day, driven by a complex and intertwined set of social, economic, demographic and technological factors. Early in the movement, the rising cost of labor stimulated industry to build one story factories, which facilitated assembly lines and automation. The land for such factories was too expensive in or near centralized business districts, so new plants were built, just outside of existing population centers.

After WW II, existing decentralizing forces were reinforced. National mortgage insurance programs (FHA and VA) favored new construction over renovation. The value of land on small marginal farms was kept low by the lack of heavy farm subsidies. Road building programs, initially begun by state governments, allowed for more extensive use of cars and trucks, which allowed a lower density land use pattern. Then, in the mid-fifties, the federal government began the interstate highway system. This road network became its own force for decentralization as well as augmenting existing decentralizing pressures. By the early to mid-sixties New Hampshire was connected by two interstate roads, to the Boston Metropolitan Area. In fact for demographic purposes, 1960 is a benchmark in the NH experience.

In the sixties, New Hampshire grew more than it did in the 40's and 50's combined, and the growth continues to this day. Table - 1 shows some detail of the 40 year growth trend. Even since the completion of the Interstate System, the fundamentals for decentralization have broadened. Modern industry is no longer tied to port facilities, resource base or even market location. It makes little difference where a software, or a data processing operation is located. Manufacturers of high value, light weight electronic products have similar freedom of location. Decentralizing forces have made NH one of the faster growing states in the country.

Table - 1
Change in Total Population for New Hampshire
1960 to 2001

Time Period	Total Population		Average Persons per Year Change
	% Change	Rank Among States	
1960 - '70	21.2	9th	13,000
1970 - '80	24.8	13th	18,200
1980 - '90	20.4	6th	18,800
1990 - '00	11.5	22nd	12,600
1995 - '00	7.8	16th	18,000
2000 - '03	4.2	13th	16,000

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Often, industrial decision makers will rank life style considerations, just as important as business conditions. Today, low crime rates, high quality of schools and recreational opportunities are increasingly the new, industrial location factors. As telecommunications increase in speed and capability, and decrease in cost, more industries are likely to enjoy ever greater freedom of location in the future.

Assumptions - State

Any projection process necessarily relies on assumptions. This projection effort identifies two sets of assumptions, one for the state and one for the ten county components. The OEP projections are a step-down process where the larger geography is projected first. Lower levels of geography (county and town) must conform in the aggregate to the parent geography. This is to say, that the state's ten counties must sum (roughly) to projected state totals. This discipline obviously means the growth rationale (and subsequent mathematical expression of that rationale) for the state will have a determining impact on projections for the ten counties.

As alluded to above, there are many complex, interwoven reasons for New Hampshire's growth. Here, two prime assumptions are used to reflect and then quantify the many component factors of which they are composed.

The two prime assumptions that guide state projections are:

- \$ The decentralizing of population that has been underway in the nation will continue. New Hampshire will continue to be a destination for decentralizing population movement from other parts of the country, and especially from neighboring states.
- \$ Substantial growth is a forty year trend for New Hampshire. At this moment, there is nothing on the horizon that will significantly increase or decrease this trend. Although there have been fluctuations in this trend, these have occurred for relatively short periods of time. The state's tendency is to "return to trend" quickly, and this is assumed to continue. In the early nineties, the state experienced outright population loss. This was after several years of growth that approached 30,000 people per year. However the trend's predominant range is 13,000 to 18,000 person per year. The trend is carried forward, initially at the rate of 15,000 persons per year, until the year 2010. This is in the middle of the predominant range and a small reduction from recent growth rates. The latest data from the Bureau of the Census, indicates a slight slowing of the state's growth. In addition New Hampshire, along with the nation, is losing manufacturing employment. Job loss in this sector will likely not allow the state to maintain the recent 18,000 persons per year pace.

After 2010 a mild tapering of growth occurs and the projection period is finished at a level of 13,000 persons per year. This tapering should account for recessions, which slow the state's growth in the short term.

Tables - 1 and 2 and graph 1 outline and quantify New Hampshire's growth since 1960. Table - 2 shows the carrying of the trend forward into the future. Table - 1 presents greater detail about the established trend. In the nineties, the trend experienced a change, with only an average annual increase of 12,600 persons. This lower number actually represents both a weakening and strengthening of the trend. The lower growth for the nineties is the result of very severe economic recession in NH. From 1989 to 1992 the state lost 21,000 jobs. In addition, Pease Air Force Base was closed; 6,000 people had been living on the base. However, once the economic troubles passed, *the state returned to the established trend*. This is clearly shown in Table - 1; the growth rate for the second half of the nineties is almost exactly that of the two previous decades.

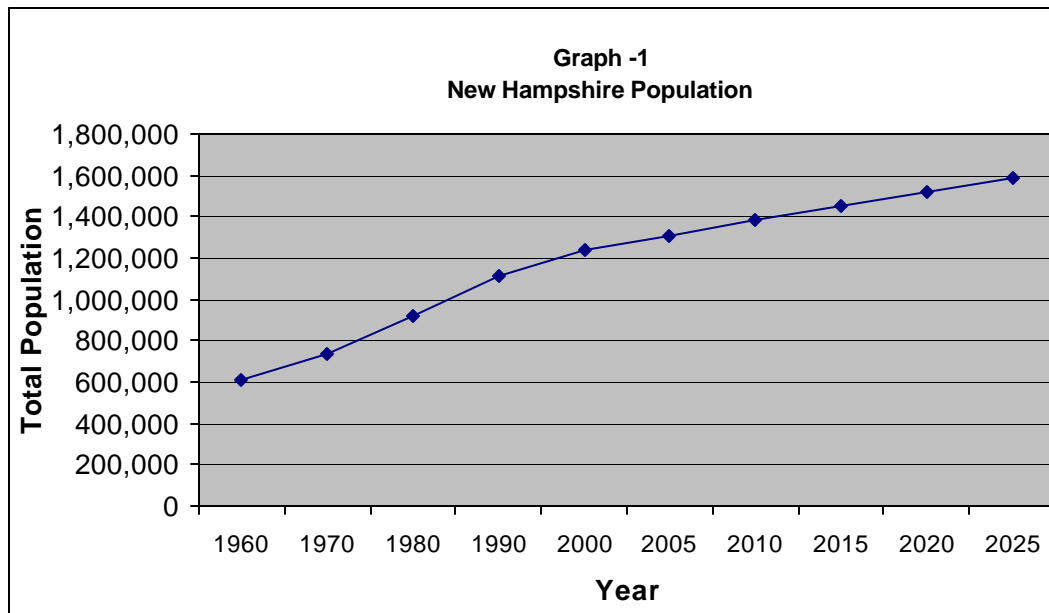
The latest available population estimate shows that the trend continues, within the range of 13,000 to 18,000 persons per year. The state's population was estimated to be 1,288,000 as of July 2003, this is 48,000 persons more than the July 2000 estimate of 1,240,000. (*Note: Decennial census figures are always as of April while estimates are as of July.*) Table 1 shows the latest three year growth trend (2000 – '03) at 16,000 persons per year. The updated September '04 projections begin from the latest estimate (1,288,000) and then continue the original growth assumptions.

Table - 2
New Hampshire Population Change, History and Projected
1960 to 2025

Year	Total Population	Population Change during Interval	Average Annual Change: Persons per Yr.	Time Interval Years
1960	606,921			
1970	737,681	130,760	13,076	10
1980	920,610	182,929	18,293	10
1990	1,109,252	188,642	18,864	10
2000	1,235,000	125,748	12,575	10
2003	1,288,000	53,000	16,000	3.25
2005	1,318,000	30,000	15,000	2
2010	1,393,000	75,000	15,000	5
2015	1,463,000	70,000	14,000	5
2020	1,528,000	65,000	13,000	5
2025	1,593,000	65,000	13,000	5

Source: U.S. Census and NH - OSP projections

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Assumptions - Counties

Given the projected state totals, above; the next phase of the projection process is to allocate total state population to the state's ten counties. Casual analysis divides the state into the slow growing north and the fast growing south. Table 3 shows that this is largely true; but there are exceptions.

Table 3
Trend of Counties' Share of State Population, 1960 to 2000

	County Share of State Total				
County	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Belknap	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.6
Carroll	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.5
Cheshire	7.1	7.1	6.8	6.3	6.0
Coos	6.1	4.6	3.8	3.1	2.7
Grafton	8.0	7.4	7.1	6.8	6.6
Hillsborough	29.4	30.4	30.0	30.3	30.8
Merrimack	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.8	11.0
Rockingham	16.3	18.8	20.7	22.2	22.4
Strafford	9.9	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.1
Sullivan	4.6	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.3

Cheshire, Sullivan and Grafton Counties lost state share and Coos County lost significantly. Rockingham gained significantly, the largest change in either direction. The remainder of the changes are fairly modest and are at least partly related to *county size*. Hillsborough County was, by far the largest county in 1960. To maintain this position, or even gain in state share, (as it did) required impressive *numerical growth*. On the other hand, Carroll County increased its share rather notably. However Carroll had the smallest population base in 1960 and now ranks 8th among the ten counties.

Since 1960, New Hampshire's population has increased by about 681,000 people. More than 60% of this growth occurred in Hillsborough and Rockingham counties. The primary reason, of course, are the forces of decentralization, originating in the Boston Metropolitan area, and following the I-93 and I-95 corridors. How these two counties develop (relative to the state) in the next 25 years will have a corresponding impact on most other counties in the state.

The assumptions that guide county projections are:

- \$ Decentralization forces will play a role in county distribution. As stated, business investment and population settlement will likely have even greater freedom of location in the future. Because of this, a shift in growth, away from Hillsborough and Rockingham is assumed. This assumption is coupled with the decreasing availability and increasing cost of land in these two

counties.

\$ Merrimack and Carroll counties in particular will likely gain in state share of growth.

\$ Employment at the paper mills in Coos County and at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, in Rockingham County will continue at about the same levels.

In 2000, Hillsborough and Rockingham counties accounted for more than half (53%) of the state's population. Holding these counties' share of State population constant or decreasing them a bit, will result in significant projected population going to other counties. Table - 4 shows projected county shares of total state population.

Table – 4
Historic and Projected County Shares of State Population

Place	County Share of State Totals					Projected County Shares of State				
	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Belknap	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.76	4.76	4.76	4.76	4.76
Carroll	2.6	2.5	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.60	3.70	3.79	3.88	3.96
Cheshire	7.1	7.1	6.7	6.3	6.0	5.87	5.77	5.76	5.76	5.75
Coos	6.1	4.6	3.8	3.1	2.7	2.50	2.30	2.27	2.26	2.29
Grafton	8.0	7.4	7.1	6.8	6.6	6.52	6.52	6.52	6.47	6.42
Hillsborough	29.4	30.4	30.0	30.3	30.8	31.70	30.60	30.49	30.39	30.29
Merrimack	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.8	11.0	11.20	11.30	11.39	11.50	11.60
Rockingham	16.3	18.8	20.7	22.2	22.4	22.50	22.60	22.58	22.53	22.48
Strafford	9.9	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.13	9.13	9.12	9.13	9.13
Sullivan	4.6	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.22	3.32	3.32	3.32	3.32

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In addition to increasing state projections by 8,000 persons, the updated projections of September '04 show mild shifts of growth among counties. Relative to the December '02 projections, Hillsborough County receives a slightly lower portion of the State's growth. Belknap, Merrimack and Strafford counties receive slightly greater portions. These mild shifts in growth are based on trends shown in the 2000 to 2003 period.

Combining the state projections with the projected county shares, results in projected population by county. Table P - 5 shows the resulting populations.

Table - 5
Projected County Population
compared to
Two Latest Censuses

	U.S. Census		Projected Population				
Place	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Belknap	49,216	56,325	62,737	66,307	69,639	72,733	75,827
Carroll	35,410	43,666	47,448	51,541	55,448	59,286	63,083
Cheshire	70,121	73,825	77,367	80,376	84,269	88,013	91,598
Coos	34,828	33,111	32,950	32,039	33,210	34,533	36,480
Grafton	74,929	81,743	85,934	90,824	95,388	98,862	102,271
Hillsborough	336,073	380,841	404,626	426,258	446,069	464,359	482,520
Merrimack	120,005	136,225	147,616	157,409	166,636	175,720	184,788
Rockingham	245,845	277,359	296,550	314,818	330,345	344,258	358,106
Strafford	104,233	112,233	120,333	127,181	133,426	139,506	145,441
Sullivan	38,592	40,458	42,440	46,248	48,572	50,730	52,888
N.H. (in '000's)	1,109	1,236	1,318	1,393	1,463	1,528	1,593

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Tables showing age detail for counties and the State follow this text. Totals in the age tables are slightly different than those shown in Table – 5.

Population projections are not predictions. The projection process attempts to identify probable assumptions and then extend those assumptions, via a mathematical technique, into the future. By themselves, the projections herein can serve as a general guide to likely future population trends. The projections can also serve as a *beginning* to alternative projection efforts. The OSP encourages data users to view the projections herein as a point of departure in developing their own projections. Data users are also encouraged to use OSP's projections to evaluate other projection efforts. The U.S. Bureau of the Census has projected New Hampshire's population independently from the Office of State Planning.

Persons with questions regarding these projections should contact, the NH Office of State Planning, 2½ Beacon Street, Concord, NH, 03301. Telephone (603) 271-2155. TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

Highlights of the Projections

- The projections show an increase of 350,000 people (28%) by the year 2025.
- The population aged, birth to 14 is projected to decline 6% by the year 2015; then increase to about the same level it was in 2000 by the end of the projection period. The reason for this fluctuation is the aging of people born from 1977 to 1994. This cohort, often called the “echo generation” is relatively large. This segment of the population comprises the children of the post-war baby boom generation and is expected to be followed by a smaller age cohort. Sometime after 2015, the children of the echo generation will begin to make an impact and the birth to 14 cohort will increase again.
- The echo generation, will move into middle age during the projection period. In 2000 they were aged from about 6 to 23 years old. By 2025, the oldest members of this generation will be about 49 years old.
- Overall the projections show an aging population. The post-war baby boom (born 1946 to 1964) plays a central role in this process. The baby boom approaches the age of 65 in 2010. Up to that year the state’s percentage of population 65+ changes little. Between 2000 and 2005 it increases 0.4%. After 2010 the proportion increases about ten times as fast. In 2000, 12% of NH’s population was 65 or older. The projections show this proportion may be about 14% in 2010 and about 26% in 2025.
- Hillsborough and Rockingham counties account for 53% of the state’s population throughout the projection period. Carroll and Merrimack counties increase their combined share of state total population from 14.7% to 15.4% during the period. Coos county’s share of state population declines from 2.7% in 2000 to 2.3% in 2010 and holds that share for the remainder of the projection period.

The following tables show the age/sex detail of the projected county numbers, shown in Table 5. The totals in the age/sex tables differ slightly from those shown in Table 5.

This report and accompanying tables are available on the internet at:

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	Census 2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Belknap Co	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00-04	3,003	3,070	3,208	3,290	3,244	3,164
05-09	3,770	3,671	3,574	3,743	3,832	3,870
10-14	4,079	4,062	3,741	3,645	3,811	4,008
15-19	3,721	3,832	3,574	3,302	3,216	3,466
20-24	2,539	3,162	3,027	2,841	2,625	2,656
25-29	2,819	3,012	3,599	3,449	3,228	3,044
30-34	3,558	3,199	3,247	3,887	3,718	3,566
35-39	4,558	3,727	3,163	3,217	3,856	3,791
40-44	4,888	4,615	3,555	3,023	3,071	3,791
45-49	4,685	5,385	4,813	3,709	3,145	3,280
50-54	4,299	5,667	6,130	5,393	4,147	3,600
55-59	3,362	5,498	6,743	7,035	6,173	4,862
60-64	2,548	4,219	6,416	7,590	7,906	7,112
65-69	2,303	2,830	4,454	6,801	8,070	8,627
70-74	2,202	2,156	2,484	3,925	6,037	7,344
75-79	1,835	1,972	1,803	2,082	3,396	5,281
80-84	1,183	1,480	1,470	1,345	1,685	2,663
85+	973	1,180	1,301	1,340	1,551	1,726
Total	56,325	62,737	66,302	69,617	72,711	75,851
5-14	7,849	7,733	7,315	7,388	7,643	7,878
15-24	6,260	6,994	6,601	6,143	5,841	6,122
25-64	30,717	35,322	37,666	37,303	35,244	33,046
65+	8,496	9,618	11,512	15,493	20,739	25,641

These projections are also available with gender detail

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	Census 2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Carroll Co.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00-04	2,096	2,043	2,044	2,149	2,212	2,194
05-09	2,711	2,428	2,354	2,381	2,512	2,652
10-14	3,220	2,929	2,608	2,557	2,595	2,812
15-19	2,721	3,026	2,736	2,469	2,431	2,544
20-24	1,454	1,812	1,997	1,840	1,669	1,715
25-29	1,927	1,869	2,319	2,581	2,383	2,211
30-34	2,540	2,193	2,118	2,660	2,968	2,810
35-39	3,326	2,493	2,141	2,089	2,631	3,026
40-44	3,781	3,120	2,324	2,022	1,977	2,571
45-49	3,608	4,096	3,369	2,542	2,218	2,218
50-54	3,420	4,462	4,966	3,995	3,020	2,700
55-59	2,748	4,636	5,816	6,081	4,899	3,789
60-64	2,325	3,595	5,831	6,878	7,203	5,947
65-69	2,256	2,854	4,276	6,560	7,764	8,344
70-74	2,080	2,115	2,655	4,015	6,223	7,602
75-79	1,629	1,835	1,850	2,352	3,591	5,722
80-84	979	1,121	1,254	1,288	1,719	2,653
85+	845	834	894	1,018	1,268	1,566
Total	43,666	47,461	51,552	55,477	59,283	63,076
5-14	5,931	5,357	4,962	4,938	5,107	5,464
15-24	4,175	4,838	4,733	4,309	4,100	4,259
25-64	23,675	26,464	28,884	28,848	27,299	25,272
65+	7,789	8,759	10,929	15,233	20,565	25,887

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Cheshire	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00-04	3,822	3,533	3,752	4,042	4,117	3,949
05-09	4,769	4,213	3,851	4,134	4,439	4,597
10-14	5,436	4,912	4,288	3,962	4,238	4,630
15-19	6,304	6,671	6,110	5,584	5,269	5,606
20-24	5,540	6,545	6,875	6,338	5,755	5,477
25-29	3,730	4,487	5,519	5,939	5,334	4,783
30-34	4,482	4,008	4,773	5,941	6,375	5,816
35-39	5,698	4,547	4,016	4,839	6,002	6,556
40-44	6,023	5,310	4,179	3,736	4,481	5,666
45-49	5,879	6,394	5,575	4,435	3,949	4,819
50-54	5,133	6,169	6,634	5,849	4,631	4,194
55-59	3,874	5,366	6,373	6,931	6,088	4,906
60-64	3,049	4,329	5,853	6,811	7,382	6,600
65-69	2,730	3,145	4,386	5,923	6,897	7,610
70-74	2,576	2,577	2,927	4,138	5,617	6,632
75-79	2,036	2,130	2,096	2,415	3,491	4,773
80-84	1,466	1,537	1,580	1,573	1,960	2,757
85+	1,278	1,453	1,530	1,621	1,994	2,194
Total	73,825	77,326	80,317	84,211	88,019	91,565
5-14	10,205	9,125	8,139	8,096	8,677	9,227
15-24	11,844	13,216	12,985	11,922	11,024	11,083
25-64	37,868	40,610	42,922	44,481	44,242	43,340
65+	10,086	10,842	12,519	15,670	19,959	23,966

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	Census 2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
00-04	1,676	1,614	1,519	1,436	1,355	1,291
05-09	2,072	1,870	1,765	1,767	1,670	1,628
10-14	2,344	2,074	1,828	1,847	1,849	1,812
15-19	2,195	2,021	1,745	1,669	1,686	1,760
20-24	1,366	1,423	1,267	1,212	1,156	1,232
25-29	1,624	1,486	1,518	1,440	1,373	1,350
30-34	1,984	1,732	1,550	1,687	1,596	1,580
35-39	2,449	1,905	1,626	1,565	1,702	1,674
40-44	2,786	2,315	1,759	1,613	1,550	1,751
45-49	2,684	3,119	2,542	2,050	1,878	1,864
50-54	2,316	2,932	3,340	2,895	2,333	2,213
55-59	1,899	2,313	2,861	3,493	3,022	2,527
60-64	1,603	1,899	2,258	2,994	3,653	3,280
65-69	1,571	1,650	1,917	2,438	3,259	4,117
70-74	1,556	1,403	1,439	1,802	2,318	3,193
75-79	1,289	1,315	1,155	1,285	1,684	2,198
80-84	894	987	977	939	1,133	1,452
85+	803	887	935	1,076	1,346	1,512
Total	33,111	32,945	32,001	33,208	34,563	36,434
5-14	4,416	3,944	3,593	3,614	3,519	3,440
15-24	3,561	3,444	3,012	2,881	2,842	2,992
25-64	17,345	17,701	17,454	17,737	17,107	16,239
65+	6,113	6,242	6,423	7,540	9,740	12,472

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Grafton	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00-04	4,215	3,865	4,032	4,261	4,275	4,102
05-09	4,839	4,519	4,157	4,344	4,538	4,653
10-14	5,533	4,935	4,625	4,265	4,401	4,702
15-19	7,181	7,310	6,783	6,511	6,130	6,356
20-24	7,175	7,860	8,017	7,460	7,113	6,794
25-29	4,670	4,946	5,687	5,864	5,214	4,953
30-34	5,022	4,981	5,296	6,120	6,240	5,655
35-39	5,781	4,661	4,638	4,944	5,637	5,897
40-44	6,593	5,390	4,358	4,347	4,573	5,346
45-49	6,434	6,955	5,704	4,620	4,552	4,897
50-54	5,677	7,130	7,684	6,294	5,039	5,073
55-59	4,300	6,527	8,146	8,466	6,852	5,605
60-64	3,350	4,862	7,283	8,823	9,059	7,496
65-69	2,961	3,517	5,079	7,515	9,055	9,510
70-74	2,740	2,771	3,303	4,777	7,067	8,660
75-79	2,313	2,453	2,484	2,965	4,424	6,534
80-84	1,576	1,742	1,855	1,879	2,447	3,477
85+	1,383	1,534	1,703	1,846	2,277	2,571
Total	81,743	85,958	90,834	95,301	98,893	102,281
5-14	10,372	9,454	8,782	8,609	8,939	9,355
15-24	14,356	15,170	14,800	13,971	13,243	13,150
25-64	41,827	45,452	48,796	49,478	47,166	44,922
65+	10,973	12,017	14,424	18,982	25,270	30,752

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Hillsborough	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00-04	25,739	24,479	24,183	25,471	27,150	28,180
05-09	29,120	29,951	28,426	27,956	29,125	31,268
10-14	29,465	32,061	32,894	31,077	30,216	31,711
15-19	25,118	28,329	30,633	31,229	29,187	28,662
20-24	20,064	23,027	25,847	27,758	27,914	26,345
25-29	24,588	22,780	26,381	29,721	31,735	32,142
30-34	29,856	26,491	24,490	28,245	31,452	33,847
35-39	35,746	31,142	27,572	25,366	28,898	32,429
40-44	34,514	35,593	30,929	27,238	24,741	28,425
45-49	29,140	33,316	34,270	29,614	25,735	23,578
50-54	25,581	29,596	33,753	34,545	29,478	25,822
55-59	18,117	25,705	29,673	33,671	34,027	29,272
60-64	13,267	18,608	26,334	30,247	33,892	34,532
65-69	11,021	13,000	18,228	25,707	29,322	33,127
70-74	10,037	9,675	11,366	15,844	22,289	25,493
75-79	8,450	8,412	8,071	9,411	13,423	18,650
80-84	5,961	6,725	6,665	6,338	7,975	10,779
85+	5,057	5,765	6,481	6,643	7,781	8,306
Total	380,841	404,655	426,196	446,081	464,340	482,568
5-14	58,585	62,012	61,320	59,033	59,341	62,979
15-24	45,182	51,356	56,480	58,987	57,101	55,007
25-64	210,809	223,231	233,402	238,647	239,958	240,047
65+	40,526	43,577	50,811	63,943	80,790	96,355

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Merrimack	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00-04	8,112	7,771	8,102	8,728	9,030	8,939
05-09	9,621	9,597	9,050	9,344	10,003	10,514
10-14	10,374	10,486	10,285	9,600	9,841	10,713
15-19	9,670	10,737	10,651	10,358	9,660	10,058
20-24	7,220	8,881	9,597	9,416	9,095	8,685
25-29	7,450	7,729	9,748	10,565	10,276	10,004
30-34	9,452	8,299	8,473	10,593	11,411	11,281
35-39	12,035	9,541	8,235	8,315	10,302	11,310
40-44	12,736	12,003	9,327	7,950	7,968	10,071
45-49	11,243	13,724	12,710	9,744	8,226	8,387
50-54	9,557	12,329	14,791	13,552	10,311	8,855
55-59	6,847	10,696	13,597	16,173	14,708	11,357
60-64	4,985	7,108	10,924	13,744	16,221	15,019
65-69	4,455	5,277	7,430	11,343	14,276	17,153
70-74	4,092	4,306	4,996	6,951	10,638	13,532
75-79	3,461	3,836	3,953	4,527	6,461	9,854
80-84	2,391	2,586	2,789	2,823	3,495	4,815
85+	2,524	2,728	2,841	2,950	3,852	4,196
Total	136,225	147,634	157,499	166,676	175,774	184,743
5-14	19,995	20,083	19,335	18,944	19,844	21,227
15-24	16,890	19,618	20,248	19,774	18,755	18,743
25-64	74,305	81,429	87,805	90,636	89,423	86,284
65+	16,923	18,733	22,009	28,594	38,722	49,550

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Rockinham	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00-04	18,100	16,740	15,413	15,813	16,849	17,441
05-09	21,398	21,422	19,862	18,169	18,507	19,895
10-14	22,001	23,679	23,770	21,889	19,870	20,432
15-19	17,610	20,267	21,880	21,788	19,883	18,266
20-24	11,403	13,641	15,756	16,837	16,575	15,338
25-29	15,125	12,789	15,361	17,636	18,711	18,604
30-34	21,189	16,830	14,282	17,032	19,398	20,777
35-39	27,288	22,148	17,627	14,836	17,555	20,197
40-44	27,385	27,549	22,426	17,717	14,791	17,684
45-49	23,179	27,125	27,375	22,106	17,305	14,597
50-54	20,166	24,601	28,874	28,945	23,186	18,314
55-59	14,192	21,230	25,970	30,261	30,075	24,327
60-64	10,236	15,470	23,217	28,229	32,630	32,758
65-69	8,400	11,549	17,359	25,285	30,574	35,673
70-74	7,149	7,701	10,622	15,834	22,965	28,032
75-79	5,649	6,009	6,479	8,847	13,254	19,300
80-84	3,723	4,280	4,564	4,851	6,859	10,109
85+	3,166	3,509	4,004	4,291	5,265	6,437
Total	277,359	296,539	314,841	330,366	344,252	358,181
5-14	43,399	45,101	43,632	40,058	38,377	40,327
15-24	29,013	33,908	37,636	38,625	36,458	33,604
25-64	158,760	167,742	175,132	176,762	173,651	167,258
65+	28,087	33,048	43,028	59,108	78,917	99,551

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Strafford	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00-04	6,664	6,193	6,355	6,531	6,633	6,586
05-09	7,531	7,458	6,866	7,037	7,198	7,376
10-14	7,825	7,790	7,638	7,022	7,159	7,395
15-19	9,605	10,644	10,527	10,374	9,760	9,960
20-24	10,256	9,828	10,920	10,772	10,548	9,892
25-29	7,250	8,797	8,271	9,422	9,220	9,075
30-34	8,000	7,386	8,880	8,338	9,456	9,344
35-39	9,568	8,303	7,583	9,111	8,504	9,742
40-44	9,471	10,034	8,617	7,860	9,395	8,859
45-49	7,965	10,188	10,689	9,168	8,319	10,039
50-54	6,726	8,201	10,380	10,877	9,280	8,504
55-59	5,020	6,822	8,234	10,415	10,854	9,349
60-64	3,759	4,859	6,524	7,866	9,884	10,415
65-69	3,638	4,070	5,163	6,804	8,198	10,401
70-74	3,122	3,203	3,538	4,483	5,925	7,186
75-79	2,632	2,808	2,842	3,131	4,071	5,355
80-84	1,732	2,003	2,103	2,122	2,496	3,138
85+	1,469	1,737	1,986	2,152	2,608	2,794
Total	112,233	120,324	127,116	133,485	139,508	145,410
5-14	15,356	15,248	14,504	14,059	14,357	14,771
15-24	19,861	20,472	21,447	21,146	20,308	19,852
25-64	57,759	64,590	69,178	73,057	74,912	75,327
65+	12,593	13,821	15,632	18,692	23,298	28,874

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Sullivan	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00-04	2,258	2,178	2,192	2,225	2,177	2,108
05-09	2,706	2,517	2,519	2,472	2,499	2,492
10-14	2,978	2,807	2,717	2,645	2,585	2,668
15-19	2,563	2,560	2,530	2,373	2,298	2,302
20-24	1,749	1,916	2,016	1,919	1,786	1,780
25-29	2,172	2,044	2,319	2,387	2,262	2,145
30-34	2,623	2,543	2,478	2,742	2,816	2,717
35-39	3,205	2,757	2,773	2,631	2,900	3,036
40-44	3,348	2,931	2,636	2,574	2,431	2,739
45-49	3,300	3,502	3,186	2,789	2,710	2,610
50-54	2,994	3,648	4,017	3,564	3,105	3,072
55-59	2,305	3,418	4,284	4,528	3,999	3,550
60-64	1,873	2,623	3,975	4,718	4,964	4,471
65-69	1,808	2,116	3,024	4,327	5,136	5,512
70-74	1,630	1,678	2,051	2,846	4,080	4,931
75-79	1,299	1,266	1,371	1,619	2,285	3,316
80-84	914	1,028	1,054	1,098	1,366	1,898
85+	733	870	1,073	1,110	1,311	1,505
Total	40,458	42,402	46,215	48,567	50,710	52,852
5-14	5,684	5,324	5,236	5,117	5,084	5,160
15-24	4,312	4,476	4,546	4,292	4,084	4,082
25-64	21,820	23,466	25,668	25,933	25,187	24,340
65+	6,384	6,958	8,573	11,000	14,178	17,162

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N.H.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
00-04	75,685	71,486	70,800	73,946	77,042	77,954
05-09	88,537	87,646	82,424	81,347	84,323	88,945
10-14	93,255	95,735	94,394	88,509	86,565	90,883
15-19	86,688	95,397	97,169	95,657	89,520	88,980
20-24	68,766	78,095	85,319	86,393	84,236	79,914
25-29	71,355	69,939	80,722	89,004	89,736	88,311
30-34	88,706	77,662	75,587	87,245	95,430	97,393
35-39	109,654	91,224	79,374	76,913	87,987	97,658
40-44	111,525	108,860	90,110	78,080	74,978	86,903
45-49	98,117	113,804	110,233	90,777	78,037	76,289
50-54	85,869	104,735	120,569	115,909	94,530	82,347
55-59	62,664	92,211	111,697	127,054	120,697	99,544
60-64	46,995	67,572	98,615	117,900	132,794	127,630
65-69	41,143	50,008	71,316	102,703	122,551	140,074
70-74	37,184	37,585	45,381	64,615	93,159	112,605
75-79	30,593	32,036	32,104	38,634	56,080	80,983
80-84	20,819	23,489	24,311	24,256	31,135	43,741
85+	18,231	20,497	22,748	24,047	29,253	32,807
Total	1,235,786	1,317,981	1,392,873	1,462,989	1,528,053	1,592,961
5-14	181,792	183,381	176,818	169,856	170,888	179,828
15-24	155,454	173,492	182,488	182,050	173,756	168,894
25-64	674,885	726,007	766,907	782,882	774,189	756,075
65+	147,970	163,615	195,860	254,255	332,178	410,210

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Shaded area, designates post war baby boom